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FROM USDEL LOS

FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOME FROM AMBASSADOR MOORE

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SUBJECT: US-INDONESIAN LOS DISCUSSIONS ON ARCHIPELAGOES AND STRAITS

1. US LOS DEL IS CONTINUING LOW KEY POSTURE ON ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE. JUSTICE MINISTER MOCHTAR MADE NO EFFORT ON HIS RECENT VISIT GENEVA TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS UNDERSTANDING AND IN VIEW PRESENT LOW KEY POSTURE ON ISSUE US DEL DOES NOT THINK IT USEFUL TP PRESS MOCHTAR FOR TALKS.

2. SOUNDINGS THROUGH UK AND FIJI DELEGATIONS INDICATE THAT INDONESIA NOT AT THIS TIME PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. US MADE KNOWN THROUGH THESE INTERMEDARIES ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES HAS ANY MEMBER US TEAM INFORMED ANY OTHER DELEGATION THAT US HAD AN AGREEMENT

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WITH INDONESIA ON ARCHIPELAGOES AND STRAITS AR

MADE ANY FORM OF THREATS, EVEN INDIRECT, AGAINST
INDONESIAN INTERESTS. TO THE CONTRARY ALL
DISCUSSIONS WITH MARITIME STATES AND OTHER ARCHI-
PELAGO STATES PURSUANT TO UNDERSTANDING WITH
INDONESIA HAVE INDICATED IMPORTANCE OF CONCLUDING
UNDERSTANDING WITH INDONESIA. AS EMBASSY WILL
RECALL INDONESIA WAS MOST ANXIOUS FOR US TO
DISCUSS ISSUES WITH OTHER MARITIME POWERS PAR-
TICULARLY USSR. RELATIONS WITH INDONESIAN DELE-
GATION AND ALL OTHER ARCHIPELAGO DELS CONTINUE
CORDIAL IN ABSENCE ANY US ATTACK ON ISSUES.

4. DESPITE LOW KEY US POSTURE MOCHTAR DOES SEEM
CONCERNED NOT TO GET WHAT HE PERCEIVES AS TOO FAR
IN FRONT ON ISSUES AND THIS SEEMS REASON FOR
INDONESIAN GO SLOW PROCESS.

5. IN VIEW CURRENT INDONESIAN ATTITUDE US
HAS SHIFTED TO EFFORT THROUGH NANDAN (FIFI)
TO INCLUDE ACCEPTABLE ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS
CHAPTER IN SINGLE PACKAGE IN TEXT BEING
PREPARED BY BUREAU OD COMMITTEE II. IT IS
HOPED THAT INDONESIA MAY BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
A SINGLE PACKAGE TEXT PREPARED BY BUREAU OF
COMMITTEE II INCLUDING BOTH STRAITS AND ARCHI-
PELAGO CHAPTERS AND NOT REQUIRING ANY AGREEMENTS
BY INDONESIA WITH US OR OTHER MARITIME POWERS.
THAT IS INDONESIA LIKE OTHER STATES WOULD BE
FACED WITH TRADE OFF INHERENT IN WORK OF
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE II RATHER
THAN PACKAGE DEAL WITH MARITIME POWERS.

6. FYI. ARCHIPELAGO STATES AGAIN AGREED WITH
US AND MARITIME STATES LAST FRIDAY TO CANCEL
PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE WHICH
HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY BUREAU OF COMMITTEE II.
THEY SEEM TO AGREE WITH IMPORTANCE OF NOT PRE-
CIPITATING CONFRONTATION ON ISSUE. DALE

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